

## MEXICO CLOSES HER LOCAL CONSULATE

Disputes Legality of Attachment of Funds by Oliver Trading Co.

## NEW YORK COURT ERRED

Secretary Hughes Holds Decision Was in Violation of International Law.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York, Oct. 27. (Associated Press.)—Secretary Hughes today took quick action to-day to adjust the diplomatic tangle with the Mexican Government over the action of the Supreme Court of New York in ordering the attachment of the property of the Mexican Consulate in New York city in connection with a claim against the Government of Mexico.

The Secretary wired Gov. Miller to take prompt action, the indication being that on the international issues involved the State Department believes the court action is tantamount to a violation of the sovereign rights of Mexico.

It was explained at the Mexican Embassy that the closing of the consulate followed on instructions from the Obregon Government. While the exact recommendation of Secretary Hughes to Gov. Miller was not revealed, it was indicated that the Secretary of State supports the contention of the Mexican Government to the effect that the consulate property could not be legally attached under international law. It is expected that the State Department will secure the release of the property.

The cause of the tangle was a suit against the Mexican Government by the Oliver American Trading Company for a claim of \$125,000. Manuel C. Telles, Mexican charge d'affaires, said the agreement from which the suit arose was made in Mexico City, and the American courts have no jurisdiction over a contract of this kind with a foreign government.

Some time ago the company entered into a contract with the National Railways of Mexico to run certain of its locomotives and cars over its lines. When the contract expired, according to Senor Telles, the National Railways took over the rolling stock of the Oliver company on the ground that it had failed to meet stipulated payments for the use of the roads. Senor Telles intimated that the claim of the Mexican Government against the American concern is in excess of the property losses of the company through the seizure of its rolling stock.

Ordered by Foreign Office.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 27 (Associated Press).—Orders to close the Mexican Consulate in New York if the Oliver action there was not immediately withdrawn were dispatched to Washington last night by the Foreign Office, which claims that under international law the Government is immune in such procedure. Included in the order regarding the consulate were instructions to close down all the Mexican Government offices in New York, such as the railways and financial agencies.

Mexico contends that it is indecorous for the consulate to be kept open if the writ of attachment still lies against it. John P. Bushnell, acting American trade commissioner, said commercial relations between the United States and Mexico would be materially damaged in consequence of the Oliver action and the subsequent consulate closing.

London exchange rose perceptibly before noon when rumors were confirmed that the New York Consulate had been closed. Canadian and British banks here report their business on London

## ROTHERMERE, DEFIED BY NEW PREMIER, SUPPORTS OLD ONE

Brother of Late Lord Northcliffe Issues Special Edition of 'Daily Mirror' Devoted to Praise of Lloyd George.

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London, Oct. 27.

Andrew Bonar Law was given a warning by the Northcliffe press, under the guidance of Lord Rothermere, on the fifth day of his premiership. It is that, unless the Premier follows the advice of the Northcliffe press, this press will not support him. The warning of to-day is contained in the *Daily Mirror*, which comes out with a special Lloyd George issue, entirely devoted to praise of the retiring Premier. It may be taken as an indication that Lord Rothermere, who now controls the greater part of the Northcliffe press, intends to follow the methods of his more famous brother.

It was Lord Northcliffe, who, against strong opposition, practically made Lloyd George Prime Minister and supported him in his newspapers, until Lloyd George followed his own course. From that time the Northcliffe press was the bitter and unrelenting foe of Lloyd George. As was told in these dispatches yesterday, Bonar Law in his address of Thursday defied Lord Rothermere. The latter had threatened to destroy any Minister who did not agree to scuttling Mesopotamia, Palestine and other costly Eastern ventures. The new Premier's reply was the declaration that these commitments would be reduced as occasion served.

Lord Rothermere's reply to the Premier in to-day's *Daily Mirror*, a picture paper with a circulation of 2,000,000, is probably the greatest compliment that has ever been paid the retiring Premier. The paper asserts that Mr. Lloyd George

has increased almost 30 per cent. within the past twenty-four hours, and North American and other banks dealing in New York report a corresponding decrease.

Closed as a Protest.

R. E. Muzquiz, inspector in charge of the Mexican consulate general, said, "This action has made it impossible for us to continue our work and has forced us to make a dignified protest."

Jerome S. Hess, of Hardin & Hess, attorneys for the Mexican Government, complains that the Mexican Government is subjected to suits in courts of this country, but at the same time is refused the right to sue. This reference is to the denial of that right to Mexico as an unrecognized government, in the case of the United States of Mexico vs. Levitan, and to the similar position taken by this country with respect to the Soviet Government.

The action of the Oliver American Company is in the same status as last week, which is the only reply to the writs have been from banking and other houses reporting lack of custody of any Mexican property.

**ULSTER TO CONTRACT OUT OF FREE STATE**

Reported Negotiations With De Valera Called Imaginary.

BELFAST, Oct. 27 (Associated Press).—The Ulster Parliament adjourned to-day until December 12, when Ulster, Premier Craig announced, will "contract out" of the Irish Free State. The Anglo-Irish treaty stipulated that Ulster could "contract out" if the Northern Irish Parliament gave notice to that effect within a month after ratification by the British Parliament, which must take place before December 6, if at all.

has taken rank with Edward VII. in public estimation.

Across the front page over a portrait of Lloyd George runs the line, "Lloyd George, the Great Commoner," and inside there are articles by Sir Sidney Low and Capt. Ernest Evans, among many others, dealing with the life of Lloyd George.

In an editorial, the *Mirror* says: "Even political enemies would admit that of all men about to confront the nation at a general election Lloyd George has the most remarkable personality and above all the longest and finest record for past service."

Denouncing those who attack Lloyd George for not giving more men for stone age tactics on the front and his interference with generals, the *Mirror* adds: "They have forgotten Lincoln and his interference with great soldiers. And their retrospective verdicts will show no sympathy with the larger public who have shown by their welcome to Lloyd George this week that they believe on good evidence that the final triumph is largely due to his gallantry in seeing it through. His career is not ended and it may be sure that his talent is not buried, but is ready for new service. Too often a late sense of loyalty to the mediocrities surrounding him hampered his freedom of action and utterance. Soon it will be seen what a formidable enemy he can be to any party government not based on the approval of the mass of the people."

Such words from Lord Rothermere are indicative that Bonar Law has lost the valuable support of one of the most powerful sections of the press.

## LLOYD GEORGE WILL OPEN FIGHT TONIGHT

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ervative Premier. "Cooperation," as it is called, seems to be hinted at in most of the addresses of the Conservative and Liberal Unionist speakers, and there is a clear disposition on both sides for cooperation.

Lord Balfour has promised to speak Monday on behalf of the coalition Liberal candidates at Berwick and two days later to address a meeting at Edinburgh under the auspices of the Conservative association. The Scottish Unionist Council of Edinburgh to-day resolved that nothing should be done to impair cooperation with the National Liberals. There is even a report that the Conservative and National Liberal candidates in Leeds will issue a joint manifesto.

These tenders of support and cooperation give an air of unreality to the struggle as it affects the parties lately composing the coalition, the Laborites and the Asquithian Liberals being the only parties standing on independent platforms. It is stated that Lord Birkenhead, former Lord High Chancellor, and Mr. Chamberlain will appear on the same platform with Mr. Lloyd George in London next Friday.

Lord Robert Cecil, who has finally announced his intention to remain an Independent Conservative, says he is profoundly relieved at the exit of Mr. Lloyd George, and regards a change in Government as a blessing.

## CHURCHILL STANDS WITH LLOYD GEORGE

Says New Ministry Inferior in Both Leadership and Following.

LONDON, Oct. 27 (Associated Press).—

An election manifesto, written from a sick bed by Winston Spencer Churchill, Secretary for the Colonies in the Lloyd George Cabinet, pointing out that the present is the first time since 1885 that a purely Conservative Government is in power, says that whereas that Government was represented by the whole genius and wisdom of the Conservative party the present Government is short of many of the ablest and most experienced Conservative leaders.

"I take my stand by Mr. Lloyd George," he says. "I was his friend before he was famous; was with him when all were at his feet and now to-day, when the men who fawned upon him, who praised even his errors, who climbed into place and Parliament upon his shoulders, have cast him aside; when the free fanatics (meaning the Asquithian Liberals) think the time has come to pay off old scores; when McKenna, the political banker, emerges from his optical seclusion to administer what he doubtless calculates is the finishing kick; I am still his friend and lieutenant."

Mr. Churchill declares his attitude toward the Government will be one of freedom and reserve, which does not necessarily mean that he will confront the Government with factious opposition.

Mr. Churchill declaring that if necessary he will cooperate with the sober and progressive Unionists, says this stand is all the more necessary "in view of the formidable Socialist attack which is gathering in the opposite quarter."

Defending himself against attacks on account of his policy in Mesopotamia and Palestine, he points out that Bonar Law and Lord Curzon are equally responsible for this policy and says that should they break the promises and repudiate the obligations "they will be repudiating their own promises and obligations."

Defending the coalition Government's policy in the Near East, the former colonial secretary says, "Throughout the United States you will find only gratitude and respect for what Great Britain has done, alone and unaided by her allies."

## TURKS ARE WILLING TO GO TO LAUSANNE

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 27 (Associated Press).—The invitation to the Near East peace conference to be held at Lausanne, beginning November 13, was handed to Hamid Bey, the Angora representative here. The Turks will go to Lausanne, he said, although it will be difficult for the delegates to maintain contact with the National Assembly at Angora.

Hamid feels that the presence of Mustapha Kemal at the conference would have smoothed away all the difficulties in connection with the capitulations and the Straits. Now matters will have to be referred to Angora, causing prolongation of the conference.

PARIS, Oct. 27 (Associated Press).—Henry Franklin-Bouillon has declined appointment as a French delegate to the Near East peace conference, saying in a letter to Premier Poincare that he declines because the British campaign against him might be embarrassing.

## To Test Author's Rights In His Own Creations

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Paris, Oct. 27.

THIS literary problem is engrossing the attention of the French courts: "Has an author the exclusive rights to the characters he has created? Can another writer write a sequel to a novel that has gained worldwide success?"

It appears that the novelist Georges Grandjean took up the story of Pierre Benoit's "L'Atlantide" where he left off, bringing in several creations of Benoit and developing a sequel theme. Benoit, however, has prevented circulation of the latter novel, sending all copies under a court order, and is demanding a permanent injunction.

## REPORT FASCISTI SEIZED BIG CITIES

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ready have promised to fulfill, while ex-Premier Facta to-night is still bargaining with Mussolini. All Italians had been waiting with much trepidation for the first massing of Mussolini's followers and when this occurred in Naples without disorders the disposition in Rome was to regard this as proof that the government by prompt military measures had overawed the Fascisti. But this estimate was premature.

Say King Must Do No Wrong.

Until last night's developments the Fascist activities were confined to driving the Reds in Italy to cover by violent measures, but without threatening the government itself. They are now declaring that the King can stay in Italy only if he does no wrong, and strangely enough this attitude seems to have the frank support of 200,000 trades union members and at least 1,000,000 of the Italian population, chiefly in the north of Italy, where the Fascist power first manifested itself during the effort by the Reds to sovietize the factories last year.

## Fascisti Organized to Fight Radicalism.

The Italian word "Fascisti" is the plural of "fascista," and was originally derived from the Latin "fascis," which signifies a bundle of elm or birch rods bound together by a red thong and containing an ax with the blade projecting from the side. "Fascis" were borne by the dictators as symbols of power before the King, Consul, Pretor and Emperors.

"Fascis" are used as the emblem of the extreme nationalist organization in Italy, signifying the binding together of the members. The word developed into "Fascists," to indicate a member of that body.

The present organization came into being since the world war and was formed to overcome the post-war wave of radicalism in Italy, which resulted in forcible seizures of manufacturing plants and private residences. The Fascist organization has grown rapidly, and in the last year has waged a successful fight against Communists, in which many lives have been lost and much property destroyed.

## CONSERVATIVES BACK LADY ASTOR'S FIGHT

She Won't Hold Down Lloyd George and Balfour.

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Lady Astor has received the official backing of the Conservatives of Plymouth, though an independent candidate, representing herself as a Conservative, is in the field against her. The fight turns upon liquor. Lady Astor's opponent making an appeal to the electorate to turn down her social reform program and licence control demands.

In Plymouth Lady Astor's election is believed certain.

PLYMOUTH, England, Oct. 27 (Associated Press).—"Now that my late colleagues are down and out, I am not going to turn around and throw mud and insults at them," said Lady Astor, to-night. "If you want me to join the people who are howling at Lloyd George, Balfour and Chamberlain, who steered us through the war, who signed the Washington conference, don't come to me. The country owes a deep debt of gratitude to these men."

## RUSSELL COBB'S WIFE WITHOUT A COUNTRY

Lithuanian Bride Refused Passport to U. S.

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The new American statute which declares that no alien woman acquires American citizenship by marriage to an American citizen has had a peculiar effect in making Elena Krauchunas Cobb, recently arrived here, a woman without a country.

On September 22 the law went into effect, and on the following day, entirely unaware of the dictum, Elena Krauchunas of Saratov and Russell Cobb of New York, a Harvard athlete in 1919 and a relief worker in Saratov, were married in Kovno. Afterward they came to London, whence Mr. Cobb intended to send his wife to the United States, while he returned to Russia. The Consul refused her application for a passport as an American citizen, and she could not get a passport as a Lithuanian citizen because the British law holds that a wife assumes the citizenship of her husband.

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